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#### Appendix 2: What We Asked - Public

#### For Concept A Zone 1, what do you like or dislike and why?

- Not as keen on the Beach ball volleyball courts as they have a limited season. Love the separate pedestrian pathway!
- I like #1-4
- Beach volleyball is not of interest to me.
- Great improvements. Not a huge fan of the volleyball courts here because it limits event space more.
- I like the movable chairs and picnic tables because it is very user friendly and people can gather as they choose. I like the natural feel of a sand/beach volleyball court.
- I like the idea of moving the beach volleyball courts to Zone 1, as it frees up Zone 2 for larger events.
- Like the plaza space and separate pathways
- Moveable chairs/picnic tables seem like a waste. Much of the items set up last summer were vandalized
  or disappeared. Volley Ball courts are not really utilized now and take away from the usable space
- In my opinion volleyball is not something I would ever utilize, so has no interest to see it installed. The rest of a&b are the same
- I like the idea of the separated pathways because the area can get to be a bad bottleneck at times. I hope the commuter pathway will be large enough to accommodate a lot of traffic.
- Plant more trees and bushes. Make spaces with nature. Don't replace it with sand pits and concrete.
- Too complex. Keep it simple. Picnic benches. Add a Dog park. There's Pearce park so close by.
   This doesn't need to be over developed.
- I dislike moving the pedestrian walkway away from the water.
- I like the more organic space that exists now.
- Washrooms and water fountains would be amazing-to facilitate use!
- Volleyball courts !!
- There is no need fot two beach ball fields, the one already there is often not in use. Prioritize nature instead. Also, by placing two sports fileds right after the entrance, you block off the space. Start with picknic tables.
- The realigned pathway to separate bikers from walkers clears up the congestion on the path. The plaza entry is nice to give the park a defined entrance from the Crowchild bridge.
- The beach volleyball courts. They cannot be used by a wide range of ages and can tend to be monopolized by groups using them so less people would actually get to use them compared to a fitness space in concept B.



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- There will be too much maintance required with the beach volleyball courts. In our climate these are more suited to an indoor venue.
- No bathroom facilities provided. Portapotty was removed from site three years ago and not replaced.
- I like point 5 and the rest seems like a waste and like not much is added. I don't think a plaza space
  is need when a skate park is close by
- Better scooter separation than concept B zone 1. Good idea to have scooter parking but it should not take away from the aesthetic of the seating area and should not clog or narrow pedestrian spaces
- Like the idea of beach volleyball courts, but wonder if they'd be a better option somewhere like Edworthy, where there is more sun and Eau Claire. Probably best to consider thoughts of people living nearby, i.e. Sunalta, in terms of what they want.
- I don't like either of the choices for zone 5, but I prefer one without a rubberized surface in a natural space. The plaza space is more graceful in this plan, but I think you should rethink both zone 5 options.
- I like the volleyball court in Concept A, because it will give someone to do while you are enjoying the park.
- Beach volleyball can only be used for beach volleyball, and therefore, probably useless in our winter.
- Volleyball courts are rarely busy. Why build more.
- Not a big volleyball watching fan. Would rather have more quiet and scenic space for sitting and sketching and painting
- Better for older adults feel like there is no point the the family gym as more of a walk for young families also sand and nets is cheeper
- I dislike the fact that only volleyball can be practiced and only for short period
- Limited to only volleyball, like the widely separated pedestrian pathway
- There is no off leash enclosed area for dogs.
- I like Concept A because it appears to leave the area more natural which is a huge part of the appeal of the area.
- Already volleyball courts by Millennium Park. Need safe bathroom facilities like St. Pat's Isld.
   Exciting Pathway lighting like Fort Calgary/East Village is LONG OVERDUE. We have been overlooked to make this a safe, visually stunning and BRIGHT AREA.
- I like the idea of a beach volleyball area
- I like that the plaza is a bit larger as I can see this being a well used spot since there's no other similar spots to stop nearby on this stretch of the river. I like the separate pathways. I personally wouldn't use the volleyball courts.
- Dislike the volleyball court. It seems a niche use for this space, and limited to seasonal use.
- I prefer t move the beach volley ball to Zone 1 and leave this area to the fitness facilities.
- Lack of out door gym area.
- Beach vball sand can hide items like glass or needles.



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- For both concept a and b, zone 5, this area would be much more useful if we put an actual kids playground here instead of family fitness area. Many young families in the neighborhood.
- Volleyball courts are great.
- I like the beach volleyball court and benches. I think we can add more to the space though, including light or art piece.
- Without washroom facilities, all these concepts are useless.
- Separate pathways
- I like separate pedestrian and cycling pathways. Cyclists who refuse to slow down are dangerous. Stick them on their own path. I'm not sure about the volleyball, but prefer over playground. Green space with native species would be even nicer.
- I like the bicycle rack location giving more room in the plaza. I dislike the volleyball court as it's limited in who gets to utilize the space.
- I worry that a beach volleyball court would be seriously underutilized given the location of the park and the % of population that plays beach volleyball. Areas should be multifunctional. Like the dedicated bike and pedestrian pathways!
- For all zones, and both concepts, i don't understand why you need 3 pathways. Only need one path for pedestrian and one for bikes & scooters, etc. Why not have swings?
- I don't think the volleyball courts would be used by many people.
- I like the idea of beach volleyball courts. Could generate some income if rented out 1 or 2 days a week for a league. Not sure another walking path is needed and without it maybe be able to find a way to add some of the family fitness area.

#### For Concept B Zone 1, what do you like or dislike and why?

- The family play area may be more year round use which I think is great. Again love the separate pedestrian pathway.
- I like 1-5. I think arubberized srea is suitable for use by all ages
- Year-round utilization, more inclusive as many people can be involved in fitness areas, more family friendly
- Fitness area!
- I like the movable chairs and picnic tables. I dislike the family fitness area because I find these are often un/underused and not a natural feel in an natural setting.
- Do enough people know about this park to know to come to a family fitness area. Is there enough parking and access for it to be where it is?
- Like the family fitness area, any thoughts on adding a small playground component?



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- Would see potential more use out of a family fitness area. Concept a&b are the same in regards to the rest
- I like the idea of the separated pathways because the area can get to be a bad bottleneck at times. I
  hope the commuter pathway will be large enough to accommodate a lot of traffic.
- Plants trees and bushes. Make spaces with nature. Do not replace it with rubber and cement. Also, noone uses family training areas. The equipment is dysfunctional. They largely stand unused where I come across them and they are an eye sore.
- Same as above. Keep the natural brush. Don't over develop. Lots of nature in this area and animals
  use this as homes and grub to feed on.
- "I dislike moving the pedestrian walkway away from the water.
- I like the more organic space that exists now.
- Washrooms and water fountains would be amazing-to facilitate use!"
- Not sure if families will use this area
- Again, prioritize nature. Family excercise spaces are rarely used because the poor equipment. Plant trees, create a fun natural maze. Get artists to build play structures, like a rabit with climbing walls. Use materials that blend into nature.
- The realigned pathway to separate bikers from walkers clears up the congestion on the path. The fitness area is a great addition to give kids and their families a fun area to play and be active in.
- I like the family fitness area as it's a space that can used by a wider range of age groups.
- I like the family fitness area.
- No bathroom facilities provided. Portapotty was removed from site three years ago and not replaced.
- I don't like anything in concept B. Not useful to me and my fiancé
- Less seating than concept a zone 1 and scooter parking is collocated with the plaza (looks bad)
- Concept B looks more flexible for a range of activities. Please separate pedestrians and cyclists on the regional pathway. An layout similar to west Eau Claire or Riverwalk would be better. Also for connector to Pumphouse Ave/12th Ave.
- I don't care for the shape of the plaza here, or for the unnatural looking playground space. I'd probably change my mind about the playground area if it had an attractive and natural design.
- I also like the fitness center in Concept B, but I purfur the volleyball court instead of this.
- I like it!
- Preferred option. Used more months of the year
- Fitness area ok. Question how much would be used given not lots of residents in walking distance. Could bocce courts go here?
- I like fit area, should be bigger to allow more people to use



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- Prefer the open concept, flexible use, the more generic the better, people will fool you with their creativity for space use. Bike and scoot parking needs to be closer to activity area for security. No bushed near bike parking, need line of sight.
- There is no off leash enclosed area for dogs.
- I don't like the family fitness area as it seems unnecessary, unnatural and more costly to maintain in the long term.
- Tennis/Basketball/DANCING WATERS, Color lights on paths. Make as nice as the East End. We're look like a slum while we've paid taxes here for decades. Fun lights/restrooms/park. Please don't mess this up! 6 new towers of taxpayers in Sunalta.
- I don't like the idea of a family fitness area. I just can't see families traveling to this area for that purpose.
- I like the family fitness area as I might actually use this with my family. I like the plaza but prefer the bigger version in concept A.
- Like the family fitness area, as it is the most useful for the most amount of people over the longest amount of time throughout the year.
- Much prefer the family rec area as more people can enjoy the facilities than the beach volley ball courts.
- Outdoor gym should be priority to support access to fitness for all. Use in partnership with concept B for Zone 2, and concept B for ozone 3. Could include crokicurl rink here as well.
- In area 4. A dog park would be a great additions. There are many dog owners In this area and with Pearce park being so close for families and public recreation, it would be great to have a dog friendly Area.
- Family fitness areas difficult to design for prolonged engagement for all age groups.
- I like seating area, but wonder how much use playground will get
- Separate pathways and family fitness area
- I'm not a fan of the playground. There are dozens upon dozens of playgrounds, and it would be nice just to have some natural space.
- I really like the gym with rubberized mats. It gives everyone of all ages lots of opportunity to interact in this space.
- Like that the areas are multi use. Also like the dedicated bike and pedestrian pathways.
- I would prefer the more inclusive fitness area, beach volleyball seems to have a very focused clientele.
- I prefer the family fitness area because I think more people would use it.
- I don't think there is need for such a large family fitness area.
- I would like Concept B. I often use the pathway and would love a family fitness area. It would be more well used by all. It could be used more months of the year and include more age groups. Really like this idea!



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#### For Concept A Zone 2 above, what do you like or dislike and why?

- Flexible
- I like the benches overlooking the river and the fire pit to gather around.
- I like the open event area concept. It is nice the firepit is away from the theatre and grouping of trees. May be a concern overnight. It would be nice to include a permanent stage area somewhere in the park to tie in with the theatre.
- love all of it
- If there was a concept that had both the bocce ball courts and the fire pit it'd be my favourite. I also like the space for events and the benches overlooking the river. This is a beautiful spot that doesn't get as much use as it should.
- "Don't need a second pathway running beside current pathway. I use this pathway everyday 3 x per day. It's not overcrowded or busy.
- There is already fire pits at Pearce park. Leave simple. Put grass in one area. No fake grass or rubber please."
- Yes,firepit!
- Feel the open area is a bit too vacant, and needs to have something that's more of a permanent fixture to give purpose to the space. Do like the benches that view the river.
- I'm not keen on anything that requires a lot of maintence. We can't afford it and that creates an unmaintained public areas that people will feel unsafe in.
- No bathroom facilities provided. Portapotty was removed from site three years ago and not replaced.
- I like the fire pit
- There is nothing inspiring about this zone. For zone 1, I strongly prefer the concept B fitness area over the volleyball courts (please move this comment there the tool won't let me go back to do so)
- I don't really like Concept A, because it doesn't have the recreation courts like Concept B.
- Like keeping this space more open. Is the upper pathway to access necessary? Could more picnic areas with fire pits be added to draw families to location? What about a park for kids to make it a cycling destination?
- I like the openness
- Not sure volley ball gets a lot of use, prefer open concept, picnic sit on the grass thing. fire pits can be an issue, dont know a single person who would use this at dark
- Concept A keeps the area more natural and allows space for a variety of activities from a picnic on the grass to throwing a frisbee.
- The fire pit will become a centre for partiers
- I like the idea for more open space
- "Like: Firepit. Who doesn't like a firepit?



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- Benches overlooking river, nice place to sit and enjoy the environment
- Pathway to access upper slope, helps with some accessibility issues.
- Dislike: Feel like more use could be made of this space."
- Not enough rec facilities. There are enough open green spaces. Make this one a destination for games and activity
- Fire place is less critical to having to having as much rec space as possible, IMO.
- · Open multi-use area, inviting to all
- I have participated as a performer and an audience in many "found theatre" experiences around the exterior of The Pumphouse Theatres, so my vote would be to keep this space flexible with performance potential.
- Not enough activity to phone
- Not enough going on- no vibrancy
- Fire pit
- I like that it's green, but grass is such a bad choice in a dry city. What native species could you consider instead? I also like the separate pedestrian and cycling pathways, for safety. It's unusual for the cycling path to be closer to the river...
- I really like the idea of the fire pit. It will be very popular throughout the year. I also like the open space which allows for people to run around, lounge in the sun, or have events.
- Like removing the beach volleyball and adding a fire pit. Have some concerns about security in the park for evening fire pit use.
- I like the benches over looking the river. I feel like #5 asphalt pathway that just stops seems weird. It might flow better if it's crushed rock like the pathways in central memorial park.
- I like the fire pit.
- Fire pits with wood in this city? Theft.

#### For Concept B Zone 2 above, what do you like or dislike and why?

- Encourages activity and engagement, community building through event spaces
- Continues and improves on the historical uses of the site.
- I like the moveable chairs and picnic tables, the benches overlooking the river, and the beach volleyball court.
- From past experience, events and public compete for noise, the game courts which are drop in may compete with permitted events. Separation between the two would be better. The open area in both is nice for drop in activities.



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- bocce ball courts look fun, volleyball court up there makes the rest of the space hard to use for anything else.
- I love the idea of Bocce Ball courts here! I'd love to see more specific uses like this at parks to encourage people to try out different spots around the city. The space for events is nice too I'd like a combo of these two concepts if possible.
- Leave out the bocce and volleyball and just have green space. Better yet. Leave some of the natural shrubs as many animals live in this area. There are already many amenities in inglewood (Pearce, and river pathways and playground, school, etc).leave
- Yes, event space!
- Bocces and benches would be a great recreation addition
- I like having a recreational activity such as the beach volleyball court being in place here. Would like to see the addition of a tennis court that the public can use for free here. Like the size of the open space; big enough for passive function.
- No bathroom facilities provided. Portapotty was removed from site three years ago and not replaced.
- I like the bocce ball courts
- I like the bocce ball courts. Also, if there are to be volleyball courts, it makes no sense to me to move them, so this is the better place for those than zone 1. They are rarely used, so l'm supportive of them being removed.
- I really like the volleyball court and the ball courts in Concept B, because it brings more things to a park instead of walking.
- Like A better. Like idea of bocce courts but not sure would put here. I question continuing to have a volleyball court as don't think it gets used much.
- Kinda interrupted by the court
- either or. flip a coin. both good, like the bocci, good to have dumped the fire pit.
- Concept B takes away from the natural qualities of the area.
- "Dislike: Bocce ball and volleyball courts. Too niche? Will Bocce ball equipment/supplies be provided?
- Like Moveable chairs and picnic tables, moveability allows for variety and accessibility."
- Great. Love the beach volleyball courts. Not enough of those for Calgary.
- Offers multiple options for activity for differing abilities and activity levels -bocce courts are great for elderly engagement and could be paired with picnic areas. Beach courts are better here than in Zone 1 as there is more room for errant balls.
- Dislike the beach vball sand. Bocce is a cool idea.
- Love the bocce courts. Would like to have pickle ball courts too.
- Love bocce courts- will get young people out and social
- Bocce



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- I know people love their sports, but this is too much. I suppose the volleyball court is okay, as people
  currently use it. But the bocce courts? I love playing bocce ball randomly in a park. I would never use a
  court.
- l'm not a fan of the volleyball court and bocce court since those activities are very limited. If there is a selection the size of the bocce court could work giving a mix of open space and some activity.
- Beach volleyball court is under utilized l'm in this park regularly and have never seen it used.
- I like the bocce ball courts!
- I like the bocce ball courts but not sure if people have the equipment.
- Just leave the volleyball court here so that we can have the family fitness area in Zone 1

#### For Concept A Zone 3 above, what do you like or dislike and why?

- So long as the trees are kept it's good.
- I like the fire pit and the picnic tables and the overhead string lighting. I think the picnic tables should be movable and there should be an area to rent.
- Concerned with the firepit close to the building/trees and usage overnight. Nice zone for family activities. Parking is still limited for overall activities in area.
- Please establish a pathway connection across the parking lot from the park to the pathway along Pumphouse Avenue to connect to the 12th Avenue cycle track.
- Both are generally good designs, concerns about smoke from fire pit on west side of the Pumphouse Theatre blowing smoke into the theatre during a performance. Harvest tables would be a perk, this design seems more flexible to general use
- Very bland no real draw
- "Design needs public bathrooms, to enable all community members to use and a joy the public space.
- I like that the pathway separates into pedestrian and other. This feels much safer, especially when walking with children."
- Both these concepts are great. I'd love to see either or both of the game ideas implemented.
- The building where the Parking is is completely unnecessary. Put up some washrooms and that's it's. Other than that please leave this space alone. Add a few picnic tables if needed. There is Pearce park so close. This is waste of money.
- I like the rink and fire pit
- Create an outdoor performance area instead with wooden floors and benches for both community and peofessional open events.
- I like the plaza that improves the path intersection around here. I like the benches and fire pits in this concept the overhead string lighting above makes this have a nice gathering feel that would be popular in the summer.



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- No bathroom facilities provided. Portapotty was removed from site three years ago and not replaced.
- I like the idea of something in there similar to crokicurl ( no ideal what that is) I would love a pickleball court
- I like the long table though I not in the prime picnic spot. I'm totally unsupportive of a picnic area or hangout development without washrooms. This has been done in a park near me and it is disgusting. Everyone pees in the bushes - gross.
- I like in Concept A the rink, because it provides people something to do while at the park.
- I prefer gathering spaces for smaller groups. Creating a space for 12 or.more means only the get to use it.
- I don't like having fire pits in this area. Separate pathways are a good idea. This concept seems more labour intensive to maintain and I question if the city has the resources to do so.
- What are the budget implications?
- Prefer b think. Not sure how moveable areas work.
- Like this one, promote family gathering
- both are good, like the rental / reservable space if your going to do a fire pit. need lighting for safety, the
  current issue of roaming "crack addicts" is an issue in this area, I cycle thru here after dark and trust me
  I ride fast for safety
- I prefer nothing be done with this area, keep it natural and enjoy the grass and beautiful trees.
- The more lights the better. Too many rinks in the Beltline unused. Fountains, gazebo, stage, picnic table bbq for year round use. This is my neighborhood for 25 years, please make this as nice as East Village.
   We have been overlooked for too long.
- The fire pits will become party central
- "Like: Firepits and string lighting. Allows for nice ambiance.
- Like picnic tables for larger groups.
- Like dedicated place for scoooter parking. Keeps things contained."
- Prefer Concept two with more picnic areas.
- I like the lighting and nonmoveable tables.
- Picnic tables and for pits are good.
- Very similar to other concept.
- I don't think the Punic table will get much use
- I like the plaza space
- Love crokicurl! And the firepits are great. Trees are a huge plus.
- Really like the idea of the crokicurl rink. Like the harvest table but seems there are less picnic with less rented areas.



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- For all zones and concepts, i don't understand why you have 3 pathways. Only need one for pedestrian and one for bikes & scooters, etc. Dont remove the existing path. I like picnic tables and firepits, lighting nice but I question the practicality.
- Single use specialized activity areas may be underutilized (I.e. crokicurl). Moveable tables etc may be problematic from a security perspective especially with the fire pits.
- I like how the overhead string lighting invites you in with the two parallel lines coming from the pathway. Makes sense to have the lighting above the seating and activities.
- Pretty boring eh. How about an exterior theatre space with covered stage and bowl seating.
- I like the crokicurl for the winter but where would they get the rocks?

#### For Concept B Zone 3 above, what do you like or dislike and why?

- Personal preference of ping pong over crokicurl
- So long as the trees are kept it's good
- I like the fire pit and picnic areas and that they are rentable. I like the overhead string lighting.
- Pole lighting is nice here, and close to a smaller performance area behind the theatre. A permanent stage in this area would be good for smaller events. Noise from outside could affect events inside building. Could the picnic tables be free / fcfs?
- Both are generally good designs, concerns about smoke from fire pit on west side of the Pumphouse
  Theatre blowing smoke into the theatre during a performance. lots of non-moveable items in this space
  may impede events
- Love the games concept (5&6) plus the fun lighting
- "Design needs public bathrooms, to enable all community members to use and a joy the public space.
- I like that the pathway separates into pedestrian and other. This feels much safer, especially when walking with children."
- Both these concepts are great. I'd love to see either or both of the game ideas implemented.
- Same as above
- I like the fire pit
- I like the plaza that improves the path intersection around here. The recreation ideas for this space are nice, but I would replace the position of them with the overhead string lighting. Therefore the picnic area can have a nice vibe in the evening.
- Does the public have to bring their own toys to the ping pong area/bean bag area/crokicurl area? If not that's a lot of maintaince for parks + if so there will be a lot of missing/broken toys which makes the park feel unsafe and then not used.
- No bathroom facilities provided. Portapotty was removed from site three years ago and not replaced.
- I don't like this one it's too kid orientated



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- I'm totally unsupportive of a picnic area without washrooms. a park near me has this and it is
  disgusting. Everyone pees in the bushes gross & creepy. Will the picnic area take away from the off
  leash dog park? If so, need to replace nearby.
- I'd rather choose Concept A better idea, because of the rink inside it.
- I think it is great
- I don't like the idea of fire pits in this area. Concept will require significant ongoing maintenance and given poor maintenance levels in surrounding pathway and park areas I question whether the space can adequately maintained.
- What are the budget implications?
- Picnic space good as get used most. I don't see anything in the three zones for river access. No
  river access in any zones. Not sure that ping pong tables will see use but like idea of some game areas
  to entertain families.
- Is ok., neither like or dislike
- in general the more activities the better as it attracts more people and that would make it safer. Always consider lighting, consult with CPS re security, currently its a problem.
- Same comments as Concept A....leave it as is, please.
- For games you need PARKING to carry the accessories to play. (No one plays these & parking Not available/too costly. RESTROOMS AND WATER SOURCE! String lights would be nice! Paths should be "smart†-people use the easiest way or wreck the grass.
- It will attract partiers
- "Like dedicated place for scoooter parking. Keeps things contained.
- Like the variety of games available"
- Love this concept. Some much activity than complements the theater, especially the lights. It looks there are more picnic table areas in this one which will support the other zones.
- Like this one to offer more picnic areas. Crokicurl could replace one picnic area of move to zone 1/b.
   Lighted wooden area could be great for small skating path in winter. Not a huge fan of ping pong out door wont get used very much, wind etc.
- Not keen on the suggested bean bag toss and ping pong tables.
- Very similar to other concept.
- Love the lights and bean toss!
- I like the non movable ping pong
- It would be nice to see seating more accessible than picnic tables. Isn't it too windy for outdoor ping pong? Bean bag toss is kind of gross to leave outside and share in COVID times. I like the overhead string lighting and trees, though.
- Like that there are a lot of picnic and rented areas and what seems to be fire pits. Like the location of the lights.



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- Ping pong tables and flat surfaces will warp and become useless due to snow, rain, weather. I dislike that there is no water access in any concept or zone. Need to add Kayak, raft takeout access.
- I prefer multi use areas and multiple smaller gathering areas.
- Don't like the overhead lights in the trees. Would make more sense to put them above where people
  are sitting and doing activities. I feel like putting the bike parking closer to the activated spaces would be
  better.
- Even less inspiring. Need some added ideas for such a key area.
- I like the bean bag toss and ping pong tables.
- I think the bean bag toss boards and ping pong table would be more well used